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KTBL 35th Anniversary Celebration

The Kentucky Talking Book Library celebrated it's 35th anniversary of service this fall, and marked the occasion with a public reception on Tuesday, September 14, at KDLA's Clark-Cooper Building in Frankfort.

About 75 people attended, including Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia Fox, authors David and Lalie Dick, and National Library Service Consultant Deborah Toomey. Former KTBL director and patron, Adam

Ruschival, and volunteer narrator, Bill VanArsdall also addressed the guests. There were representatives from several organizations who serve the visually impaired. Most importantly, it gave patrons the chance to meet KTBL staff and volunteer narrators face to face.

"It's rare for Kentucky state government to have a program that appeals to Kentuckians age 2 to 106. This extraordinary broad base support guarantees that 35 years from now Kentuckians will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of this most worthwhile program. I salute KDLA and its hundreds of volunteers for its success," said Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia G. Fox.

One patron, in particular was remembered by State Librarian Jim Nelson. Ed Prichard (...brilliant law student at Harvard, clerk for Justice Felix Frankfurter, close personal friend of Katherine Graham and a man many said might have eventually become President of the United States) was a voracious reader who lost his vision late in life due to severe diabetes. He came to us to fill that void in his life that reading had fulfilled and became a major fan of our services. "So, from elementary school students to the now deceased historic figure of Ed Prichard, our Talking Book service has touched and continues to touch many lives. This is a wonderful service that doesn't often get the recognition it deserves," said Nelson.

In addition to meeting staff, authors, and volunteers, guests were treated to refreshments prepared by the KTBL staff. Tours were given of our office and circulation area. A trip down memory lane featuring items ranging from the antique record player originally presented to our patron, Mr. J. Everett Bach, by President Franklin Roosevelt, to pictures of the proposed digital talking book player. We also had a display of David Dick's books which we have recorded and Mr. Dick donated two copies of his new book, *Jesse Stuart—The Heritage* so it can be recorded.

Featured Patron

Mrs. Lalie Dick was so taken with one of our patrons from Northern Kentucky that she interviewed her for an article in *All Around Kentucky*, the Kentucky Farm Bureau newsletter. The patron, Louise Rogers Kimbrough has had eye problems all her life and completely lost her sight at the age of 22 years. "A conversation with this remarkable woman makes me want to get down on my knees and give thanks for being able to savor my daughter's auburn hair when it shines in the autumn sunlight. And I should remember to give more thanks for my daughter's ability to see me. We are among the lucky ones," writes Mrs. Dick. Ms. Kimbrough began reading Braille over 60 years ago (she is 68 now) and has a master's degree in social work from Ohio State University. She has held several jobs and now proofreads Braille. Mrs. Kimbrough sums it all up: "Blindness is not darkness, and it is not colorless: It's more like looking at water in a river at night. To be blind is perfectly respectable. It is not respectable to not do anything about it."



Donations

The donations we have received over the years have made a tremendous difference in our library service program. Some of our most recent purchases include videos for our Descriptive Video Collection and incentives for our younger patrons participating in our summer reading program. Thanks to everyone for your generosity.

In memory of Charles E. Creekmur:
Drane Lorbeske
Franklin & Annette Nash
William & Marilyn Jones

Maintenance Flower Fund

Delia & Joseph Childers
Madeline T. Rawlins
Rita G. Ridley
Celesta Harper
Barbara Kenady
Rhonda Winn Puckett
Pennyryle 56ers

Louella B. Walker
Elizabeth Johnson
Gifford & Marion Blyton
Florence Larimore
Louise T. Heidorn
Anne P. Kirkpatrick
Elizabeth Wagner
David & Nancy Bell
Ruth Wood
Mary Logan

William Goodman
William Feiler
Dr. & Mrs. J. L. Jones, Jr.
Goldie Robinson
K. J. Crouch

If you would like to contribute to KTBL, please make your check or money order payable to the Kentucky Talking Book Library, 300 Coffee Tree Road, PO Box 818, Frankfort KY 40602-0818. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL. Donations are 100% tax deductible and appreciated by the patrons who use our service.



Dates to Remember

The Talking Book Library will be closed on the following days:

November 25 & 26: Thanksgiving
December 24 & 27: Christmas
December 31, 2004 & January 3,
2005: New Year's Day
January 17, 2005: Martin Luther King,
Jr. Birthday
March 25, 2005: ½ Day Good Friday
KTBL closes at noon

Once a month KTBL holds a staff meeting for about an hour and a half. All calls are transferred to voice mail. If you call during that time, you will get a recorded greeting. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

FYI: Braille Calendars and Cards

The time to purchase 2005 calendars and holiday cards is fast

approaching. Here is a handy list of vendors for large-print and Braille calendars and cards for holidays and special occasions for the coming year.

1. Contact the American Printing House for the Blind for calendars of various sizes in both formats. Phone (800) 223-1839 or e-mail: www.aph.org.
 2. Braille holiday cards are available from the Blind Children's Fund. Phone (989) 779-9966. E-mail www.blindchildrensfund.org.
 3. A free Braille calendar for blind or visually impaired people can be obtained from the Braille Institute Phone: (800) BRAILLE (272-4553), or e-mail: www.brailleinstitute.org.
 4. Creative Adaptations for Learning (CAL) offers a variety of special occasion cards. Phone: (516) 466-9143. E-mail: www.cals.org.
 5. Print-and-Braille holiday cards are available from the Hadley School for the Blind, phone: (800) 323-4238, or e-mail: www.braille.com.
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Recordings for Recovery

This is a reminder to all of you who would like music for the holiday season:

The Holidays are right around the corner. Music is an essential part of the season capturing the spirit and bringing back favorite memories.

Recordings for Recovery is a music library with holiday and other music types. KTBL patrons are eligible to select tapes and receive them through the mail. The tapes are on loan and can be kept and enjoyed for up to 60 days. They are then mailed back to R4R "Free Matter for the Blind" using the provided return label.

If you want to become a member, call R4R at 800-798-1192. They will send you an information pack that includes a recorded catalog, membership information and a large print order form. Individual memberships are only \$10.00 per year. Alternative memberships are available to those who cannot afford the annual fee.



Income Tax Info.

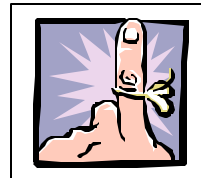
KTBL will again provide Braille copies of the 2004 Income Tax forms this year. Call 1-800-372-2968 after the first of the year if you need tax information in Braille.



DVS Information

- Greta Wise is the video clerk. She can be reached at 1-800-372-2968, Ext. 279.
- Descriptive videos are on loan to you for two weeks. If you need to keep the movie longer, call Greta.

- Please remember to rewind your movie.
- Please take extra care of our DVS movies. We have only one copy of each movie and replacements are quite expensive and not always available.
- If you are interested in receiving descriptive videos, please contact Greta.
- We are working on a new DVS catalog to be printed by the end of 2004. When the catalog is completed, it will contain a list of all the movies we have available.

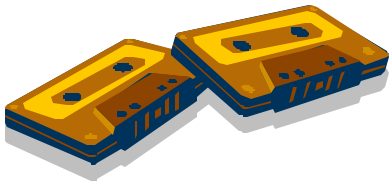


Things to Remember

- KTBL's toll-free phone number is 1-800-372-2968. Our local phone number is 502-564-8300, ext. 276.
- Please make sure your name and address are on ALL correspondence. This is especially important for request lists, particularly Braille requests. We hate to throw away a list because we don't know who it is from.
- When you finish reading a book, please return it. Do not loan it to anyone else. The prompt return of books insures that new books will continue to arrive regularly.

- When you call the Library and are connected to voice mail, leave a complete message. Please speak slowly and include your name (spelling the last name) and phone number. Please do not leave lengthy request lists on the voice mail. We will return your call as soon as possible.
- Please keep all food and drink away from your cassette player. Dirt and liquid can damage the electronic components inside cassette players. Use an all-purpose cleaner and a soft cloth to clean the outside of your player.
- If a tape is damaged, place a rubber band around the damaged cassette and put an "X" on the mail card. Do not put string or rubber bands around the plastic mailing containers, as they get caught in postal equipment. Do not put a note in the container.
- Call us when you are temporarily suspending or canceling your service, if you have a change of address or phone number, when you get too many books or not enough, if you don't receive requested titles, or if you need to start, change or stop magazine subscriptions.
- If you have a problem with any of our equipment, call us before you return it for repair. If you do return a piece of equipment for repair, please put a note inside the box with your name, address, phone number, and a brief description of the problem you are having. **DO NOT** put notes inside the cassette mailing containers.
- If you put a tape in your player and it does not work, try rewinding the tape. It may just be at the end because the previous patron did not rewind it when they finished the book. Also check that the side-selector switch is in the correct position.
- If a tape speed sounds too fast, and the speed selector switch is in the correct position, remove the tape and tap it on the table top. Then try playing it again.
- Refusal to accept any library-related mail will result in the interruption of your regular library service. Refused mail results in automatic suspension from our mailing lists.
- Please remember to rewind each tape before you return the book to us. Also, whenever you start a new tape, hit the rewind button to insure that the tape will start at the beginning.
- Our staff receives an enormous amount of e-mail. I would help us serve you better if you put "KTBL Patron" in the subject line.

Be Kind, Please Rewind!



IMPORTANT MAGAZINE INFORMATION

Reader's Digest and Newsweek Readers

These magazines are produced and circulated by the American Printing House for the Blind, Inc. You do not have to return these magazines to our library. You may receive a letter from the Printing House sometime during the year. The letter is requesting donations from readers who get Reader's Digest and Newsweek magazines. This is just a request and a donation is NOT required for you to continue receiving the magazines. However, you MUST return the letter to the Printing House to continue your subscription.

Back Home in Kentucky

Features columns and articles of interest to anyone having ties to the Bluegrass—Yesteryear and today. Bimonthly

After reading, please return this magazine to our library as we reuse the mailing containers and cassettes.

Cat's Pause

Featuring UK and Southeastern Conference sports. September-April (weekly), May-August (monthly)

This magazine is circulated by the Audio Studio for the Reading Impaired in Anchorage, KY, and will need to be returned promptly to the studio in order to receive the next issue of Cat's Pause. If you have questions concerning your Cat's Pause subscription, please call Paula at KTBL.

Guideposts

Largest circulated inspirational publication. It contains first-person stories of people using faith in God on a daily basis. It is non-sectarian containing materials for Christian and Jewish audiences. Monthly

There is no need to return this magazine to our library.

Kentucky Living

Published by the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives. Articles deal with current topics of interest to all Kentuckians (whether rural or urban). Monthly

After reading, please return this magazine to our library as we reuse the mailing containers and cassettes.

Kentucky Monthly

A magazine which includes a variety of articles on different subjects of interest in the Bluegrass. Monthly

After reading, please return this magazine to our library as we reuse the mailing containers and cassettes.

If you are interested in receiving any of these magazines, please call Paula at 1-800-372-2968.

Christmas Books and Videos for Kids



With Christmas almost here, we thought we would make a short list of Christmas books and videos for our young (and young at heart) patrons to enjoy this season. These are some of our favorites.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas – RC 47536 The Grinch tries to abolish Christmas by stealing all the presents from the Who's in Whoville.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever – RC 38118 The incorrigible Herdman kids put on a Christmas pageant.

The Littlest Angel – RC 48101 The littlest angel arrives in Heaven when he is 4 years old. His biggest problem is deciding what to get Jesus for His birth.

A Christmas Carol – RC 43546 The Dickens classic about the miser Scrooge being visited by ghosts and how he learns the true meaning of Christmas.

Alexandra's Scroll – RC56463 Alexandra tells the story of the dangers facing the Jews and the events of 165 B.C. that are commemorated in the holiday of Hanukkah.

Dr. Suess' How the Grinch Stole Christmas – DVS 70630 Jim Carrey stars as the Grinch in the reinterpretation of the classic Christmas story.

Frosty the Snowman – DVS 48434 A snowman comes alive in a TV holiday musical – animated.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer – DVS 48469 The TV classic about a shunned reindeer who eventually gets in Santa's good graces – animated.

The KTBL staff would like to wish all of our patrons the
Happiest of Holiday Seasons and Best Wishes for 2005.

Name _____

For Postage-Free Mailing

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

1. Complete order form and enclose in an envelope.
2. Do not seal envelope. Tuck the flap in.
3. Address envelope to your cooperating library.
4. In place of stamp, write "Free Matter for the Blind or Physically Handicapped."

RL – Rough Language**V – Violence****S – Explicit Sex**

I wish to receive the Kentucky books that I have selected below.

_____ **KY 2366** **Mountain Mothers 1, Mountain Roots**
Kinder, Alice J.
Comprised of ten stories describing the lives of
mothers in the mountains.

_____ **KY 2367** **Thoughts While Swinging a Wild Child in a**
Green Mesh Hammock: Poems of Rebirth from
The Bootheels of Appalachia
Thorpe, Allison; forward by Jim Wayne Miller
Collection of poems with rural themes which
reflects the author's sense of image and color,
love of the land, and what makes life worth-
while. For High school and adult readers.

_____ **KY 2368** **Up from the Mines**
Goode, James B.
A collection of poems that celebrate the

**experience of the Appalachian coal miner.
For high school and adult readers.**

- _____ KY 2369 Mike Barry and the Kentucky Irish American:
An Anthology
Crews, Clyde F., editor; with a foreward by
Mrs. Barry Bingham, Sr.
Collection of selected editorials with emphasis
on social reform in Kentucky and the nation
(1950-1968) from one of the many ethnic
newspapers in America.**
- _____ KY 2370 The Touch
Embry, Michael
A grieving widower and a woman with an abusive
boyfriend accidently meet several times, then a
romance blossoms. Fiction. Strong language.**
- _____ KY 2371 Referees, Docs, and God: Journal of a Country
Doctor
Martin, Donald L., M.D.
Author reflects on his 42 years of medical
practice.**
- _____ KY 2372 Seasons of Life: Self-help Reflections
Peterson, Barbara
Offers self-help reflections for psychological and
spiritual well-being.**
- _____ KY 2373 The Melungeons: the Resurrection of a Proud
People: an Untold Story of Ethnic Cleansing
In America
Kennedy, N. Brent; with Kennedy, Robyn V.
Explores the proud, troubled heritage of the**

little-known group of people called the Melungeons.

- _____ KY 2374 **Merry Christmas from the South**
Stone, Michelle
A wonderful collection of short recipes for the holidays or anytime.
- _____ KY 2375 **Home Sweet Kentucky**
Dick, David & Eulalie; foreward: Crawford, Byron
A book to slow you down, warm your heart, and lift you up. It'll take you to many forgotten places, introduce you to people who generally don't make headlines and give you a taste of the essence of Kentuckians.
- _____ KY 2376 **Run Jane Run: A True Story of Murder and Courage**
Wells, Jane
Shocking true story of a stalker/murderer and the woman who refuses to let him go free. Violence and strong language.
- _____ KY 2377 **Skeleton Crew: a Lindsay Chamberlain Novel**
Conner, Beverly
Two stories intertwined; one ancient, one modern, each add interesting twists to this archaeological murder mystery. Violence and strong language.
- _____ KY 2378 **Out of the Woods: Stories**
Offutt, Chris
Out of the Woods starts with one man leaving his Kentucky hollow and ends with another who realizes he can't return. In between, broke, lonely, or just plain down-

on-their-luck characters find out exactly how difficult it is to go home again, and how equally difficult it is to stop wishing they could. Violence and strong language.

_____ KY 2379

Freckles Comes Home

Meehan, Jeannette Stratton-Porter

The adventure continues for the orphaned, one-armed, Freckles. For high school and adult readers.

_____ KY 2380

Heart of Blue

Ledford, Cawood

Memories from the career of “The Voice of the Kentucky Wildcats” sportscaster, Cawood Ledford. For high school and adult readers.

_____ KY 2381

This Dog for Hire: A Rachel Alexander and Dash mystery

Benjamin, Carol Lee

The story revolves around the murder of a rising young artist and the sole witness to the crime—his champion Basenji, Magritte. Strong language. Explicit descriptions of sex.

_____ KY 2382

Silas: the Power of Root, the Power of Evil

Frazier-DeLoach, Nora L.

A harrowing story of magic, greed and evil. Strong language. Explicit descriptions of sex.

_____ KY 2383

Pieces of the Puzzle: the Poties Town Quartet and Other Stories

Pyle, Jack R.

These are stories of the human experience—happy, sad, sweet, and bitter. They reflect our times and the memories of yesterday. A short

**story collection that is sure to be a treasure.
Strong language.**

**_____KY 2384 Creeker: A Woman's Journey
DeRosier, Linda Scott
A memoir of growing up in, and then living
outside of, eastern Kentucky's Appalachian
Mountains, by an author proud of her heritage.**

**_____KY 2385 Absence of Reason
Atkins, Linday
Criminal defense attorney Hilary Adams is about
to tackle the case of her career – defending an
accused serial killer.**

**_____KY 2386 Corruption of Justice
English, Brenda
Fast-footed, fast talking reporter Sutton McPhee
is starved for a story. She'll even follow a beat
cop just to do a busy little "day in the life:" piece,
but there's an added twist. The cop she profiled
is found dead.**

**_____KY 2387 Longest Raid of the Civil War
Horwitz, Lester V.
Little-known and untold stories of John Hunt
Morgan's Raid into Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio
during the Civil War.**